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OPSEC – who’s really listening?

by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson
Public Affairs

Operations security or OPSEC, is designed to keep or delay actual or potential adversaries from discovering critical information, often referred to as sensitive but unclassified information.

As its name suggests, OPSEC protects operations. The protection of daily operations depends on secrecy and surprise. Secrecy keeps the adversary from knowing where or when to act, what forces to use and what actions to take, said Senior Master Sgt. Philip Withers, 16th Special Operations Wing OPSEC officer.

“Even if you’re not part of operations, OPSEC still applies to you,” according to Capt. Jim Williamson, OPSEC program manager for U.S. Air Forces in Europe. “We all possess critical information the adversary wants.”

Critical information is information that must be protected to ensure an adversary doesn’t gain a significant advantage. It deals with specific facts about our intentions, capabilities, operations or activities.

If an adversary knew this detailed information, mission accomplishment and personal safety could be jeopardized, Sergeant Withers said.

Family members are often aware

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Photo by Senior Airman James Davis

Corey Knotts and his dad, Coast Guard Lt. John Knotts, experience life with the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron as they “ride” a STS specialized vehicle as part of Hurlburt Field’s first “Pilot for a Day” event.

Base rallies to host ‘Pilot for a Day’

by 2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field’s newest pilot doesn’t have a college degree. In fact, he hasn’t even started high school, but that’s not unusual because he’s only 12 years old.

Though not an actual pilot, Corey Knotts

earned his wings Sept. 21 after being the first-ever participant in the Hurlburt Field “Pilot for a Day” program. The new program allows children with life-threatening diseases to experience life as a pilot.

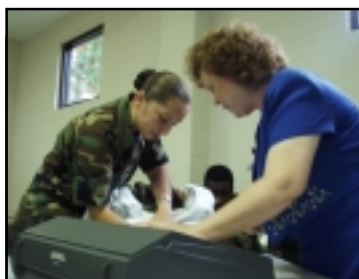
Corey, who suffers from Cockayne’s Syndrome – a disease so rare even an extensive Internet search comes up blank – visited the

base with his father, Lt. John Knotts, a Coast Guard pilot; his mother, Sherri; his sister Lauren, 9; and his brother, Conner, 19 months.

“It’s a day he’ll remember forever,” Lieutenant Knotts said of his son’s experience.

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Open Line

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Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Airman's Attic facility Monday. See Page 3 for a story on the renovated facility and the services it provides for junior enlisted members.

whether or not a left turn is allowed, so more signs are not good enough. To alleviate this problem in the future, we have a project to widen most, if not all of, Independence Road to four lanes. Once the work is complete, we'll have a separate left turn lane at this intersection.

Dog walking

Comment: I live in Commando Village on an end unit. I have a large yard, which I'm responsible for maintaining in addition to the grass island directly in front of it. Due to the nice weather, there has been a lot of people walking their dogs, and a lot of them have been letting their pets use my yard and the island in front as a bathroom. Since my children love to play in the front yard, I have to clean up daily. When I take my dogs for walks I bring a plastic bag to pick up after them. I just wish more people would do the same.

Reply: The housing brochure, given to residents as they move in, is very specific about pet control. It states dog owners should ensure their pets are walked along the perimeter of base housing, and if their animals defecate on someone's lawn, the person is responsible for immediately cleaning up after their pet. If you can specifically identify who's in violation, we'll be happy to give them a reminder of their responsibilities. Thank you for the comments. **(Editor's note: for more information on animals in the base housing area, see the article on Page 9.)**

To turn or not to turn

Comment: I don't think many people notice or abide by the "No left turn" sign by the base exchange entrance. I've talked to ground safety personnel about it and they said they'd look into the matter, but that was months ago and I haven't heard anything. People who aren't familiar with the base, or who have missed their turn, turn in there. I

think something should be done to better mark that intersection.

Reply: The main purpose of the no left turn at that intersection is to avoid congestion on Independence Road. Anyone making a left turn or violating any other base traffic rule will be ticketed or should be reported to security forces. The current sign at this intersection leaves no doubt in my mind about

AF firefighters' motto proves true

by Lt. Col. Theresa Carter
355th Civil Engineer Squadron

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz.—I developed the idea for this commentary while attending the Department of Defense fire conference a few weeks ago. "The desire to serve, the ability to perform, the courage to act," is the motto of Air Force firefighters.

Before I could put the finishing touches on the article, the terrorist attacks in New York City and the Pentagon forever changed the world as we know it. After watching those events, it was clear to me that the motto has a much broader application.

The desire to serve. Each of us wearing a military uniform decided to serve our country for a variety of reasons—perhaps it was patriotism, a desire to travel, or a chance to acquire new skills and an education. Regardless of the reason, we all belong to an organization, and a way of life, that's bigger than we are. We're a team of more than a million dedicated soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

As the nation watched in horror the events following the Sept. 11 attacks, nothing brought us closer to tears than the image of firefighters and police officers rushing to provide assistance while everyone else was fleeing the crumbling World Trade Center. Hundreds of emergency responders lost their lives as a result of their desire to serve and exemplified service before self.

The ability to perform. One of the most basic responsibilities of supervisors and leaders is to ensure the people entrusted to our care are ready to perform their duties when called upon. In the military, these duties are performed across the full spectrum of conflict—from daily peacetime activities

to armed conflict against our nation's enemies. The training we do every day ensures we're prepared for any situation, anytime.

The courage to act. Courage involves not only physical courage but moral as well. Our military history is filled with stories of incredible physical courage, from the first shots fired at Lexington and Concord to the beaches of Normandy and the sands of Iraq and Kuwait.

We've also heard stories of great moral courage—individuals who had the integrity to do the right thing, regardless of the personal consequences. People like John Hancock and the other signers of the Declaration of Independence, who knew placing their signature on that sacred document was the equivalent of signing their own death warrant. It's individuals like Sen. John McCain, who refused early release as a prisoner of war in Hanoi because he feared the North Vietnamese would use it for propaganda purposes.

Those in the fire service, both military and civilian, demonstrate the courage to act every day, whether they're responding to a structural fire, an in-flight emergency on a military aircraft, or to the unspeakable horror that we saw Sept. 11.

As the granddaughter, niece and cousin of several Los Angeles firefighters and as the base fire marshal here, I have a special appreciation for firefighters and their desire to serve, ability to perform and courage to act. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives in an attempt to save others in New York, and to all of the victims and their families in this tragic and cowardly act of terrorism. My faith, however, in our nation's resolve and in the ability of our military to successfully respond to these attacks remains unshakable. May God bless the land of the free and the home of the brave.



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News

Air time

Colt Shindle, son of Master Sgt. Dennis Shindle, 20th Special Operations Squadron, launches skyward on the half-pipe Monday, following the Hurlburt Field Skate Park's grand opening. The park, located behind the youth center, is free and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to anyone with base privileges. Skaters must wear proper safety gear, like helmets, and parents need to supervise children under 13. For more information, call 884-3766.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Spotlight on ...



Brendon King

Name: Brendon King
Rank/Duty Title: Senior Airman/MC-130 loadmaster
Organization: 8th Special Operations Squadron
Hometown: Crestview, Fla.
Hobbies: Cars, fishing, football, couch potato

Contribution to the mission: Airman King was recently named the Air Force Special Operations Command Loadmaster of the Year for 2000. He is constantly sought after by his superiors and peers for his sound judgement and overwhelming knowledge of his aircraft and his unit's mission.

Airman King takes pride in his work and it shows. He's deployed several times to Asia in support of Operation Southern Watch and recently deployed for the wing's Operational Readiness Inspection.

He performed flawlessly while on a mission supporting the aftermath of the USS Cole bombing, and was commended for his superior performance while participating in exercise Natural Fire. Airman King truly deserves to be recognized. He's a quiet professional – with the guts to try.

(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, but who may not receive much recognition day-to-day. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

Airman's Attic helps junior airmen

by Staff Sgt. David Byron
 Public Affairs

In the aftermath of the recent terrorist strikes, our nation has shown its ability to pull together to help those in need. At Hurlburt Field, that sense of helpfulness has always existed on a local level, and it received a boost Monday.

The new Airman's Attic has opened its doors to junior enlisted and their families. It's designed to help defer some costs of living by providing children's clothing, baby items, household goods, appliances and furniture at no charge.

The Airman's Attic, or simply "the Attic," is



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Byron

Senior Airman Greg Rydberg, 16th Medical Group, his wife Sue and daughter Hadley, browse items at the Airman's Attic.

located in bldg. 90604, Cody Avenue. It's open to any active-duty member assigned to Hurlburt Field, senior airman and below with a dependent. Army and Navy junior enlisted members assigned to the base are also eligible.

Though the location is new, the Attic has been operating for quite some time.

"Before, whenever someone needed anything, they'd go to their first sergeant," said Master Sgt. Scott Delveau, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron first sergeant. "The first sergeant would take them over to a dorm room we had everything stored in."

The First Sergeant's Council, the organization that supervises the Attic, decided they needed a better way to make it more accessible to its customers.

Working with the Family Support Center and Command Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea, they searched for a new location to store the items and allow for regular operating hours.

"It took a year to come together," said Master Sgt. Gloria Jones, 16th Logistic Support Squadron first sergeant and manager of the Attic. "But now we have a better place and a better system. It was all made possible by people volunteering their time and efforts to make it happen."

Volunteering plays a major role in the Attic. Volunteers from a number of base units helped out by cleaning, landscaping and transferring items from the old location to the new. Operation of the new facility will also be done by volunteers.

Although volunteers play a primary role, there was also official support.

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron installed

air conditioners, floor tiles, electricity and lighting for the new building. They also paved a new parking lot for customers.

It cost \$8,000 for the renovation that increased the Attic's floor space from 300 square feet to 1,000.

"The renovation is a small investment compared to the enormous contribution the Airman's Attic makes to our community," said Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander. "It's another way to continue our legacy of excellence and taking care of our Hurlburt family."

Contributions and community are words heard frequently concerning the Attic.

"It runs on the generosity of the community," said Sergeant Jones. "All of the items come from donations, and once someone takes something home, it's theirs to keep unless they later decide to redonate it."

The number of items donated allows for fairly generous distribution to those in need. Each eligible family can take as many as 120 items, depending on what category the item falls under.

The available items help families stay afloat. "I know from experience that having a family means you don't always have a lot of money," said Senior Airman Greg Rydberg, 16th Medical Group lab technician. "Until I earn a few more stripes, any help we can get is great."

The help provided by the Attic is available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 1 until 5 p.m. Customers are required to sign a contract stating that items won't be sold for profit, used to support a home-based business or be given to ineligible individuals.

AIR FORCE NEWS

Guard members help rescue New York victim

WASHINGTON — Master Sgt. Steve Arrigotti thinks her name was Julie, but he's not convinced that's the case. He's fairly confident that she's an African-American, although, because her body was covered with ash and soot, he's not certain. Because of her clothing — yellow shorts and a half T-shirt — he thinks she was a tourist. But he can't say for sure. But the face ... he'll never forget the face.

One week after horrific terrorist attacks killed thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Sergeant Arrigotti, an Air National Guardsman assigned to Francis S. Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, N.Y., spoke of the young woman he helped pull alive from the debris of the World Trade Center twin towers. Hers, he said, was a face full of shock and grief, but a face full of life.

"Her body was completely covered in soot, and as it turns out, there wasn't a scratch on her," said Sergeant Arrigotti, a pararescuer from the 106th Rescue Wing. "But her eyes were completely swollen shut from the heavy smoke and soot. Obviously, she was in shock, but she was alive."

The rescue, one of only five successful extractions confirmed as of Sept. 19, came just a day after the attack, when New York officials were just beginning to assess the full impact of the destruction.

"We sent two, nine-person teams," he said. "The original intent was to have one unit work north of the 'ground zero' area and the other one south. We

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DOD authorizes Stop-Loss measures in support of Enduring Freedom

WASHINGTON — The U.S. secretary of defense has authorized the use of Stop-Loss measures in order to support President Bush's campaign against terrorism, Air Force officials at the Pentagon said Sept. 20.

The decision, which gives service departments the authority to retain military members beyond established dates of separation or retirement, was made by Donald Rumsfeld Sept. 19, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy for the Air Force.

"The purpose of this action is to meet mission requirements in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and any follow-on operations regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation," she said.

Those attacks, in which hijackers flew airliners into New York's World Trade Center, in addition to the Pentagon, killed thousands of Americans and sent shockwaves throughout the world. In a Sept. 20 address to Congress, President Bush responded to the attacks by essentially declaring war on the world's network of terrorism. As a result, as many as 50,000 reservists — including people in each branch of service — have been called to active duty in recent days.

Title 10 of the U.S. Code permits the president to enact Stop-Loss measures when such a call-up takes place, Colonel Middleton said.

"Title 10 permits the president to suspend any provision of law relating to promotions, retirements and separations during any period when members of any reserve component are on active duty under involuntary mobilization authorities," she said.

Colonel Middleton said the Air Force



will employ a "total force approach" to capitalize on the unique composition of each force element, including active duty members, Guard and Reserve.

Capt. Amy Anderson, chief of retirement and separation policy for the Air Force, said the key will be to ensure the service retains the critical skills needed for mission requirements. At least for the short-term future, the policy will affect all bluesuiters.

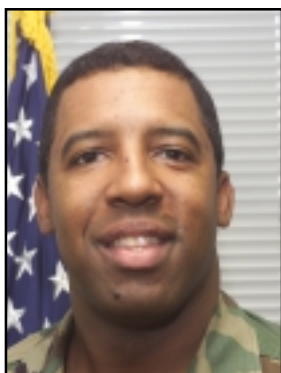
"The initial Stop-Loss period for all Air Force specialties will be for at least 30 days," she said. "All retirement, separation or component transfer actions will be suspended until termination of Stop-Loss, unless an exemption is applicable or waiver is granted. This [Air Force Specialty Code] list will be revised and made available to the public as requirements are validated." A few exceptions apply, Captain Anderson said.

"This suspension doesn't apply to the mandatory separation or retirement of personnel because of disabilities, or hardships," she said. "But, officers being separated due to non-selection to captain, major or lieutenant colonel will not be exempted."

Although the Stop-Loss Program has been implemented, the Transition Assistance Program Office is open and mandatory pre-separation TAP briefings will continue as usual. To sign up for the briefing, people must visit the separation/retirements section of the Military Personnel Flight. The Veteran's Administration is working on a contingency plan for those involved with the Separation Examination Program. For more information, call 4-6281.

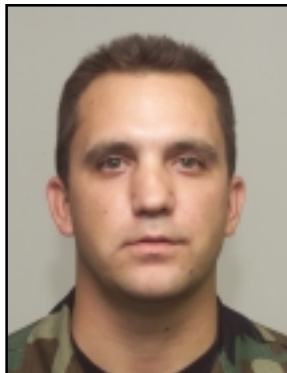
For more information on Stop-Loss, call the 16th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight at 884-5401. (AFPS)

Look who's talking: What's one operations security process you follow each day?



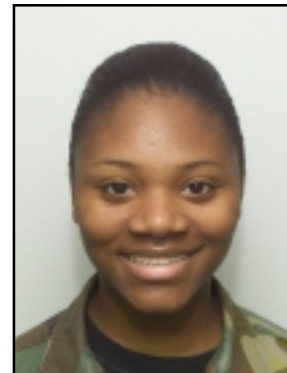
"I shred all documents that may offer a hint of our present and future capability, and regularly check my computer screen saver."

Maj. Thomas Mitchell, Jr.
Air Force Special Operations Command



"I'm careful what I discuss with civilians off base."

Staff Sgt. Tom Zajdel
505th Systems Squadron



"I don't discuss classified information over an unsecure telephone line."

Senior Airman Erin White
18th Flight Test Squadron

Combat weather NCO shines with new stripe

by **André Nicholson**
Public Affairs

Sept. 21, was just an ordinary day for the majority of Air Force people stationed at Hurlburt Field. However, one unsuspecting staff sergeant was given some remarkable news.

The newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Melissa Lewis, chief, Air Force Combat Weather Center, commander's support staff, was totally surprised as she was awarded a stripe under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Sergeant Lewis, who said she had no idea she was being promoted, was busy at work when the entourage of people came into her office to award her with her new rank.

Among those congratulating Sergeant Lewis was Col. Robert Allen, Air Force Weather Agency commander, who presented her with the stripe, and her husband Staff Sgt. Erik Lewis, 16th Transportation Squadron, commander support staff NCO in charge, who assisted in tacking it on.

Her supervisor, Maj. Frederick Williams, AFCWC director of operations, said she's deserving of the STEP promotion because she not only met the STEP program criteria, "she has tremendous work ethics, a great attitude and she's a consummate professional."

Although still in shock after the ceremony, Sergeant Lewis said, "I can't believe it. I would like to thank my supervisor, my former commander, Maj. Frank Halbert, my new commander, Lt. Col. Michael Hemler and my superintendent,

Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Samuel for submitting the STEP package on me, it's a great honor."

Under STEP guidelines, major commanders, commanders of Field Operating Agencies or Direct Reporting Units and senior Air Force officers with large enlisted populations may select a limited number of airmen with exceptional potential for promotion to the grades of staff through master sergeant.

The program accommodates unique circumstances, which in the commander's judgement clearly warrant promotion. Its primary intent is to provide a means to promote airmen for compelling, although perhaps non-quantifiable, reasons.

The nomination is submitted on Air Force Form 1206 *Nomination for Award* and the categories are as follow:

- Leadership and job performance in primary duties
- Significant self-improvement
- Base and community involvement
- Unit, command and Air Force awards
- Other accomplishments

Sergeant Lewis is responsible for all personnel support functions for AFCWC. She directs members and administrative actions for a major work center and two geographically separated operating locations, Weather Readiness Training Center, Camp Blanding, Fla. and White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Maj. Williams said the weather agency was only able to award one stripe throughout the command and it went to Sergeant Lewis.



Photo by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson

Tech. Sgt. Melissa Lewis, Air Force Combat Weather Center, gets her stripes tacked on by her husband, Staff Sgt. Erik Lewis, 16th Transportation Squadron and Col. Robert Allen, AFWA commander.



AFSOC Pararescueman is Air Force PJ of the year

When the newest group of Pararescuemen graduated training at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., Sept. 20, among the distinguished visitors attending the ceremony was the Air Force Senior NCO PJ of the Year.

Senior Master Sgt. Ernie Evans, one of the senior PJs in Air Force Special Operations Command, is the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Pararescueman of the Year.

"It's really quite an honor to be selected over the many, many stellar performers in the career field," said Sergeant Evans. There are about 350 PJs across the Air Force, and nearly 100 in AFSOC.

Sergeant Evans is the superintendent of the personnel recovery branch in AFSOC's directorate of operations. The branch is the first staff element in the command dedicated to the personnel recovery mission, an ancillary mission within AFSOC.

"His leadership and professional abilities were instrumental in the creation of the (branch)," said Col. Charles Lovett, chief of operations plans and tactics for the directorate of operations.

"Sergeant Evans is a highly respected subject-matter-expert [in pararescue] and an outstanding representative of both AFSOC and the PJ career field."

As the branch superintendent, Sergeant Evans is part of a four-person team helping to create a solid niche for the personnel recovery mission within AFSOC.

"Our charter is to establish a personnel recovery policy for AFSOC," said Sergeant Evans. "This covers everything from creating a command instruction, and outlining duties and responsibilities, to ensuring we're linked to applicable Air Force doctrine and Department of Defense publications."

The senior pararescueman has been with Special Operations since the mid-80s, joining Joint Special Operations Command after earning his maroon beret in 1978. During his career, he's had the chance to be involved in planning many key operations — including Operations Just Cause and Desert Thunder.

"From a pararescue standpoint, the biggest challenge we

face in future Special Operations is the management and employment of AFSOC PJs. Even though the rescue and recovery mission has been a front-burner issue for AFSOC in recent years, the management of the PJ teams has historically been left to the PJs themselves — especially where mentorship and skills training are concerned. All they really need is advocacy to open up opportunities for the privilege of doing what they are trained to do," he said.

"PJs are the common thread that runs through all assets and capabilities the Air Force owns in prosecuting the combat search and rescue mission. Their training gives them the expertise to utilize any viable platform to get the job done. Currently PJs are split between Air Combat Command and AFSOC. But it doesn't matter what command they belong to, they'll always get the job done."

Being at a headquarters billet doesn't stop Sergeant Evans from getting out into the field whenever he can. Last year, he guided a Special Tactics Pararescue Team through 12 missions that integrated conventional and Special Operations Forces in support of U.S. Navy combat search and rescue training. He also augments the AFSOC Inspector General team during operational readiness inspections involving pararescuemen and personnel recovery.

Despite his ground-level involvement and accomplishments, Sergeant Evans shies away from the recognition of being the Air Force PJ of the Year.

"To be honest, I don't feel right about being selected for the honor since I'm in a headquarters position," he said. "This award should focus on the guys in the field, the ones doing the mission day in and day out."

When he goes to accept the award later this month, Sergeant Evans says he'll offer one bit of advice to the newest Air Force PJs.

"Train hard and train for real. Learn your craft well and be a professional," he said. "Don't sweat the small stuff and plan for the worst case. It only takes a split second to change your life." (NFNS)

Personnel data system journey not over yet

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Three months after the launch of the Air Force's new personnel data system, some problems have been worked out, but officials said the journey isn't over.

Reports are flying in to local units of serious pay problems. Many of these reports are true, and it's "simply not acceptable," said Maj. Gen. Michael McMahan, Air Force Personnel Center commander.

"It's frankly upsetting that airmen have been inconvenienced and financially stressed because of the transition to the new system," General McMahan said. "Getting no pay or the wrong pay or waiting months for a re-enlistment bonus isn't something we should be putting our people through, especially when we're at the same time asking people to make the Air Force a career."

"We're working on every level – directly with the individuals, with local finance offices and with other agencies like the Defense Finance and Accounting Service – to get people paid, paid right, and paid on time," he said.

And, according to officials, it looks like the causes of most of problems have been identified and long-term fixes are being developed.

In the short term, people are getting paid on paydays and the delayed re-enlistment bonuses should be paid out by the end of September, said Lt. Col. Richard Treasure, chief of the requirements systems division here.

"There will certainly be pay problems that continue to crop up – there were before this changeover – but that's what the (military personnel flights) and the finance offices are there for: to help people with those problems," Colonel Treasure said.

Officials are also keeping a close eye on the assignment process.

"We're working to get the enlisted assignment process back on track, after it was essentially put on hold over the summer because of the transition to the new system," Colonel Treasure said.

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas returnees in the November through January cycle is now posted to the AFPC Web site and is available at local MPFs and

commander's support staff offices. Airmen eligible during this cycle have until Sept. 6 to update their assignment preferences through their MPF or CSS.

Individuals, who've applied for a voluntary assignment action – base of preference, join spouse, special duty, etc. – are still waiting.

"We can't do the voluntary assignment actions until we know who's most eligible to go overseas," Colonel Treasure said. "And since we are having technical problems with that data, we're having to hold off approving those voluntary applications."

Information on the overseas EQUAL, scheduled for release Aug. 7, is still forthcoming. Details will be sent to the field as soon as officials know when they will be able to release that list, officials said.

"It's like one giant puzzle," General McMahan said. "We fixed the pieces for one thing and then we've got to get to work on all the other pieces."

As AFPC officials continue fine-tuning the new system, people manning local military personnel flights are staying very busy. People doing business with their local MPFs may have to wait longer for some actions to be completed, officials said. All the routine requests can be taken care of, but it may take some extra time.

"The individual knows their personnel history better than anyone else," Colonel Treasure said. So officials are asking them to review their records carefully and alert the MPF of any discrepancies.

Individuals with problems should first contact 16th Mission Support Squadron's MPF at 884-5251 or the 16th Comptroller Squadron's accounting and finance office at 884-4110.

If the problems can't be solved at that level, people can contact the AFPC Call Center at (800) 558-1404, DSN 665-2949 or e-mail afpc.dpsfm@afpc.randolph.af.mil.

"We've asked for specific and detailed information from the personnel flights and commanders out in the field to understand what unresolved issues are still ongoing. Knowing the problems our customers are having is half the battle to getting the system running smoother," General McMahan said. (AFPC)

Taking control of animals on base

by Tech. Sgt.
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Squadron

Most people have owned a pet, often including it as part of their family. These companions can be loyal and entertaining and can provide their owners with pleasure and comfort. They put up with the playfulness of children, obey most of the time and can take on an almost human personality.

Lately, however, there has been an increase in the number of stray animals found roaming the Hurlburt Field base housing areas.

All base residents should be aware of the regulations that apply to keeping pets.

Primarily, pet owners are responsible for controlling, registering and having their pets immunized. But just as important is

the proper care of their animals.

They ensure their pets don't become a nuisance or danger to the safety and well-being of people. Pets should be housed indoors, or secured outside on the owner's premises, by a secure method that doesn't hurt the animal and doesn't exceed 15-feet in length.

Proper care for pets also includes adequate water and overhead cover if left outside. Pet owners who neglect, abuse or inhumanely treat their animals are subject to command action and can have their privileges to keep animals on base forfeited.

When a pet is exercised, it must be on a leash no longer than six feet. Animals may be exercised off-leash in a fenced-in yard at the owner's quarters as long as the animal is under control and cannot escape. As a courtesy to other people, pet owners are required to remove wastes depos-

ited by the animal daily.

Stray animals and uncontrolled pets will be picked up by the 16th Security Forces Squadron and impounded at an off-base, non-military facility. Animals will be returned to the owners when the owner pays all costs incurred. Animals not claimed will be disposed of in accordance with the current off-base shelter practices and procedures.

A new policy has been implemented that issues a warning letter to pet owners if security forces airmen pick up their pet.

The issuance of these letters multiple times is reason for administrative action deemed necessary to prevent reoccurring instances.

The 16th SFS has a scanner that reads identification microchips that can be implanted in pets. Most local veterinarian facilities, including the Eglin Air

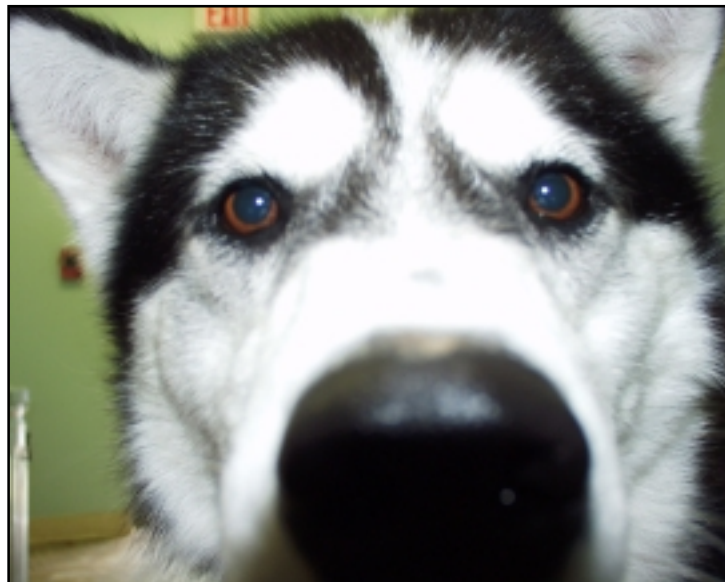


Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Stray dogs like this one are becoming more of a problem on base.

Force Base Veterinarian, can implant the chips. This makes it quick and easy to locate the owner of the pet by providing the name, address and phone

number of the owner.

Another major concern is wild animals. Base residents, especially on the Soundside, must realize the importance of not feeding, petting or playing with these animals. Not only are wild animals dangerous, many have been subjected to rabies or other diseases communicable to humans.

If residents feed these animals, they create a feeding ground that brings them back to the area continuously for food.

All in all, animals can add much enjoyment to people's lives. If people take their pet owner responsibilities seriously, then Hurlburt Field can be a better place for all to enjoy.

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arrived in the city around 9 p.m. the day of the attacks.”

But, upon arrival, the group learned that because so many firefighters and policemen had been lost when the towers collapsed, the command and control element of the rescue operation was greatly affected. Many of the rescue workers were also trying to dig their comrades out from debris on the roads leading to the towers.

“The first evening, there was not a lot of attention given to the trade towers themselves,” Sergeant Arrigotti said. “Most of the search effort was on the west highway in front of the trade towers. When the towers came down, there were a lot of rescue vehicles on the street below. So when we arrived, many of the firefighters and police were desperately trying to dig their people out.”

The next morning, however, the teams made their way to “ground zero,” where they were directed to points both south and north of the debris. Sergeant Arrigotti, along with Master Sgts. Robert Marx, Kevin Kelly and Jimmy Dougherty, were among those

assigned to work the south area.

By that time, he said, the fire had been knocked down to a point where they could get much closer to the debris. As they got closer, they immediately noticed there were many “cavities” which appeared capable of holding survivors. But that wasn’t all they found.

“There were a lot of bodies near the debris field,” he said. “We took it upon ourselves to get right up into the building, climbing into the second and third floors — which were probably like the 80th or 90th floors when the buildings were standing,” he said. “As we did that, it got the attention of many of the firefighters, who intuitively wanted to follow us.”

And that’s when they heard her voice.

“She was calling out for help, and I had to look twice to make sure I wasn’t imagining what I was seeing,” he said. “There was a live person in there.”

It took a short time for the workers to get to the young woman — several large pieces of metal had to be cut away before they could get her out.

But as soon as that was accomplished, the workers formed a human chain to move her out of the debris and to medical techni-

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106th Rescue Wing, Air National Guard

cians standing by. Sergeant Arrigotti said he had a brief opportunity to talk to her before she was pulled out.

“She never said what floor she had been on when the building collapsed ... only that she was with a group of about 15 people touring the trade center,” he said. “Unfortunately, we never found any of those people.”

What the team did find, shortly after helping to rescue the woman, was a stairwell that contained the bodies of several firefighters. His voice filled with emotion, Sergeant Arrigotti described the scene after leading a local fire chief into the debris to identify his fallen comrades.

“Their bodies were completely intact, and their chief had a very difficult and emotional time with it,” he said. “It was extremely emotional ... very sad.”

The memories of that scene will haunt him forever, he said, as will the images of the planes hitting the towers and their subsequent collapse. But, he said, there were also good memories.

Although he never saw her again, he is confident “Julie” has survived her ordeal. And the support his unit received from others around the country was overwhelming.

“We in pararescue are kind of a brotherhood,” he said. “We only have about 300 people, but we’re all close. So it was no surprise that we received calls from units all over the country with offers to help out. Everyone, from Florida to California to Alaska, wanted to get here and help. It’s the kind of support you expect from not only pararescue and Air Force members, but from Americans in general. They just wanted to help.” (AFPS)

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of important bits of information that may be critical pieces of information to an adversary. Some examples are:

- Detailed information about the mission of assigned units
- Details concerning locations and times of unit deployments
- Personal transactions that occur in large numbers (pay information, powers of attorney, wills and deployment preparations)
- References to trends in unit morale
- Details concerning security procedures

This information, however insignificant, could provide the piece of a puzzle that highlights exactly what operations are being conducted.

Where and how this information is discussed is just as important as with whom it's discussed, said Capt. James Giehl, Air Force Special Operations Command, OPSEC officer. Adversaries tasked with collecting information may frequent the same stores, clubs, recreational areas and even churches as military members and their families.

OPSEC is important both on and off duty, but the particulars aren't for everyone's ears. The best defense is to always be alert. (AFPN contributed to this story)

Protect yourself from terrorism

by **Capt. Kris Meyle**
89th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — The recent tragedies inflicted on our nation have made one thing clear: terrorist attacks can happen here.

According to the Office of Special Investigations pamphlet on combating terrorism, terrorists are generally ideological extremists who use violence or the threat of violence to further their cause. As the entire nation witnessed Sept. 11, the clandestine nature of terrorism allows it to occur anywhere. No nation or individual is immune — including the population of Hurlburt Field.

However, says Joint Staff Guide 5260, *Service Member's Personal Protection Guide: A Self-Help Guide to Combat Terrorism While Overseas*, constant awareness can help protect all members of the military family from acts of terrorism.

The three key steps to combating terrorism are keeping a low profile, being unpredictable and staying alert. To keep a low profile, you should try to blend into your surroundings, avoid publicity and crowds and ensure your dress, conduct and mannerisms don't attract attention. Unpredictability means varying routes and times of travel, changing daily routines and avoiding patterns.

Keeping alert is also important. Watch

out for anything suspicious or out of place, avoid giving personal information over the phone, and keep an eye out for strangers paying too much attention to your movements.

In times of increased terrorist threat, a bombing incident is a very real possibility. Look out for unattended bags or suspicious objects around the house, office or car. Check your mail and packages for such warning signs as:

- Unusual odors
- Too much wrapping
- Bulges, bumps, or odd shapes
- No return or unfamiliar return address
- Incorrect spelling or poor typing
- Items sent "registered" or marked "personal"
- Protruding wires or strings
- Unusually light or heavy packages

Isolate suspect letters or packages. Do not immerse them in water, which may trigger an explosion. Clear the area immediately and notify security forces and your chain of command.

Protecting yourself while traveling requires extra situational awareness. Obtain a threat briefing from the Air Force Office of Special Investigation prior to traveling in a high-risk area. Use concealed bag tags on your luggage so you don't advertise personal information; do not discuss your military affiliation with anyone or signal your military affiliation

through military-issue luggage or military-affiliated decals. Dress conservatively and don't wear U.S.-identifying or distinctly military items. Separate and conceal any military-related identification so it can be ditched in case of a hijacking. Spend as little time as possible inside airports; pass through the airport security checks quickly and then head to a lounge or other open area away from baggage lockers. If possible, sit with your back against a wall.

Remain alert — be a "people watcher." Try to arrange for a window seat, preferably to the rear of the aircraft, which would help shield you from possible hostile action taking place in the aisles near the cockpit. An emergency exit seat may also provide a good escape route.

While staying at hotels, do not give your room number to strangers. Choose an inside hotel room and sleep away from street-side windows. Leave lights on when the room is vacant, keep the curtains closed, keep positive control of your room key at all times and arrange knock signals. Answer your telephone with "hello," not your name and rank.

For more detailed information on these and other measures you can take to protect yourself and your family from terrorist activity at home and abroad, check out the Antiterrorism Level 1 course and related publications posted at www.at-awareness.org.

TRICARE for Life program begins Monday

by **Margie Richbourg**
16th Medical Group

Medicare-eligible military retirees can begin receiving benefits from TRICARE's new TRICARE for Life program Monday.

Under the new program, TRICARE will be a second payer for most medical services provided to Medicare-eligible military retirees, family members and other qualifying dependents and survivors who're enrolled in Medicare Part B. This benefit is in addition to the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy program, which was implemented in April.

The following provisions apply to the TRICARE for Life program:

○Eligible beneficiaries receive all Medicare-covered benefits under Medicare plus all TRICARE-covered benefits. Medicare will be the first payer for all Medicare-covered services performed by Medicare providers and TRICARE will be the second payer. TRICARE will pay Medicare co-payments and deductibles for covered services.

○For services covered by TRICARE and not Medicare, eligible beneficiaries need only pay the standard TRICARE co-payments.

○There will be no enrollment fees or premiums associated with TRICARE for Life. However, eligible beneficiaries must pay the monthly premium for Medicare Part B (\$50 per person in 2001).

○TRICARE for Life also allows eligible beneficiaries to participate in the same generous pharmacy benefit as that of TRICARE beneficiaries under 65 years of age. Medicare-eligible beneficiaries may now obtain low-cost prescription medications from the National Mail Order Pharmacy and TRICARE network and non-network pharmacies. Under this program, beneficiaries continue to use the Military Treatment Facility pharmacies.

To receive this TRICARE benefit, Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, regardless of age, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B. Part B can only be purchased during the Medicare open enrollment period, January 1 through March 31 each year. To enroll in Medi-

care Part B or to request more information, contact your local social security office or call the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213.

Retirees should ensure their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System record is updated with correct address and any changes in family status, such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption in order to be ready for this program, by calling the DEERS office at (800) 538-9552.

People don't need to take any further action to enroll in the TRICARE for Life program, they're automatically in the program if enrolled in DEERS and Medicare Part B.

People who're unsure about eligibility for TRICARE for Life, can call the toll-free Defense

Manpower Data Center Support Office Beneficiary line at (800) 538-9552 for assistance.

TRICARE for Life users may continue obtaining care from their Medicare providers, or they may receive care as available in military treatment facilities.

Some may have the opportunity to enroll in TRICARE Plus, a local primary care enrollment program available at certain military treatment facilities.

TRICARE Plus has no enrollment fees or premiums. TRICARE Plus will be available on a limited basis at the 16th Medical Group, because it's nearing its enrollment capacity.

For questions concerning either TRICARE for Life or TRICARE Plus, call the 16th Medical Group at 881-2620.

Airmen keep 'use, lose' leave

WASHINGTON – Active-duty Air Force people won't lose any accumulated annual leave in excess of 60 days – commonly referred to as "use or lose" leave – as a consequence of operations resulting from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Those who do accumulate more than 60 days, as a result of being recalled from or not being allowed to take annual leave, are able to keep up to 90 days of annual leave until the end of fiscal 2002, said Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

Any scheduled leave that's lost between Sept. 11 and 30 will be restored, said Maj. Karen Corrente, chief of Air Force Travel, Transportation and Benefits Policy at the Pentagon.

"However, this restored leave must be used by the end of September 2002," she said. Air Force personnel officials said specific details on policy adjustments will be forthcoming. (AFPN)

Investment opportunity gives military thrifty savings option

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Airmen who joined the service for education, training, travel or patriotism will also have the opportunity to amass a retirement nest egg of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Uniform Services Thrift Savings Plan, which opens for the first time to military members Oct. 9, is the vehicle for the potential financial windfall. This retirement savings and investment plan, initially established in 1986, is similar to a 401(k) plan in the private sector, according to Lt. Col. David Zeh, chief of the field operations branch, Randolph AFB, Texas.

“This is an outstanding benefit that the Department of Defense and Congress worked to make available to the military,” said Maj. Gen. Michael McMahan, Air Force Personnel Center commander. “The program gives members a flexible financial opportunity that could help with their financial peace of mind during their retirement years.”

The TSP allows members to contribute a percentage of their monthly pay towards one of five different investment funds, said Colonel Zeh. People can contribute up to seven percent of their pay initially, which can be in-

creased up to 10 percent by 2005. And it’s totally separate from, and in addition to, the member’s regular military retirement plan.

Members who enroll in TSP will also gain a tax advantage for doing so, said Colonel Zeh. This benefit comes via the monthly allocation being taken straight from the member’s gross income.

“Not only is the money going into TSP not being taxed, but the member’s taxable income is less,” he said, “any way you look at it, it means more for you.”

“TSP is a long-term savings plan, with financial security during retirement as a benefit of the program,” Colonel Zeh said. “Those who think they may need their money in the near future, or who don’t have money saved for emergencies, might want to consider their needs before enrolling in TSP.”

People signing up during this Oct. 9 through Jan. 31 initial “open season” — the initial period where people can enroll in the TSP program — will begin to see the money deducted from their paychecks and deposited into the plan as soon as January. Members will be able to designate where their money goes after their first contributions have been received.

Similar to the civilian TSP pro-

gram, military members will have the choice of five funds through which their money will be invested.

The benefit can add up to a significant retirement fund. A six-year staff sergeant for instance, whose annual base salary is \$21,351, could decide to invest seven percent of his monthly income, or \$125 per month. Assuming he gets seven percent return (not including any future salary increases) after 10 years he will have saved more than \$21,500. After 20 years of investing at this same rate he would save about \$65,000. And after leaving it for 40 years, he would have more than \$326,000 in his TSP savings.

“Basically, members need to devote some time to figuring out their financial status and how TSP can fit into their lifestyle,” said Colonel Zeh. Economic conditions change and it’s up to each person to determine how to invest their money.

People can get help with planning through the Family Support Center’s financial management counselor, at 884-5441.

“The Family Support Center’s financial counselors can’t give advice to which funds one should invest in, they can give investment-type counseling,” Colonel Zeh said. (AFPC)

Don’t hide the hydrant



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Byron

Hurlburt Field Instruction 32-2001 designates that parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant is prohibited. Since parking on base has become more difficult to find, members are reminded to abide by parking policies.

FEATURE

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"He'll go home and tell his teacher and his grandparents about it. He'll talk about this for a long time."

Corey's day started with a salute and greeting from Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, who gave him a flight suit, wing patch and other accouterments to adorn the suit.

Decked in flight gear like his dad, Corey started his day as a member of the 16th SOW.

Corey visited the 16th Operations Support Squadron to learn about life support equipment he'd use if he were a real pilot. He saw an inflatable, one-man life raft, a life preserver, radios and an assortment of signaling devices, according to Staff Sgt. Theron Kammerer, 16th OSS life support instructor. Having a special-needs child, Sergeant Kammerer knows the effect it can have on a family and volunteered to do the demonstration.

"The difficulty of his condition takes a big toll on his family," said Sergeant Kammerer. "Seeing the look on his face and the overall happiness of the family together was the best part of the visit. Corey is an alert, fun-loving kid."

Capt. Aaron Orr, 16th OSS Aircrew Training Flight commander, gave Corey a squadron patch for his flight suit.

"It was a real privilege to meet Corey. It was truly rewarding to be around someone with such a big heart and great attitude," Captain Orr said. "He really helps put things in perspective and reminds us of what's really important. I'm glad to have helped in

even a small way."

Then Corey got to see an AC-130H Gunship, an MC-130H Talon II and an MH-53 Pave Low—the aircraft he'd fly if he were a Special Ops pilot here. While visiting the flying squadrons, Corey was presented with more patches, coins, hats and lithographs.

Between visits to aircraft, he also had the chance to drive a fire truck while touring the base fire station, before heading to lunch.

After eating a standard aircrew member's meal, he went to see equipment used by the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron where he watched a fast roping and rappelling demonstration. Then squadron members put Corey in an all-terrain vehicle and whisked him away to the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron.

At RED HORSE, Corey was greeted by nearly 400

squadron members, who lined the streets in their distinctive, red caps and honked the horns of their heavy equipment in greeting.

"When I assembled the 400 Horsemen, told them about the program, and told them about Corey, there wasn't a dissenter in the squadron, and darned few dry eyes," said Col. Ed Mayfield, RED HORSE Squadron commander. "I am so proud of my people.

The only direction I gave was, 'Let's give Corey something to remember for the rest of his life, no matter how much God has granted him.' And they did. Every single one of them gave a little piece of him or herself to Corey, and it was a gift of love."

With the help of some RED HORSE Squadron members, Corey and his family were able to use



Above and bottom photos by Senior Airman James Davis

(above) Lt. Col. Patrick Pihana, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron commander, greets Corey Knotts and his dad, Coast Guard Lt. John Knotts. (left) Staff Sgt. Chris Goodwin, 20th Special Operations Squadron, shows Corey his way around a .50 caliber machine gun. (bottom) Nearly 400 RED HORSE airmen lined up to welcome Corey to their unit.

some heavy equipment, like a bull dozer, excavator and dump truck. Corey was inducted into the Order of the Horse and became "General Knotts," a life-long honorary Horseman, with an invitation to return any time.

Later in the afternoon, Corey got his chance to "fly." The 19th Special Operations Squadron gave him flying lessons in the newest Special Ops simulator.

At the end of a day filled with gifts and demonstrations, Corey had his pilot's wings pinned on by Colonel Koenig.

"It was an honor for us to have you here," Colonel Koenig told Corey as he pinned on the wings.

Corey wasn't the only one who enjoyed the day.

"I don't know who had more fun, the people taking the tour or the people giving it," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Nolan, a 16th Communications Squadron videographer who followed Corey throughout the day. "Everyone who sees Corey has a big smile."

The coordinators of the program, Capt. Michael Edwards and Staff Sgt. Chris Jette, both from the 19th SOS, said they enjoyed it too.

"It was a big task to coordinate this with each unit, but everyone involved was so motivated it made everything go smoothly," Sergeant Jette said of planning the day. "When I heard the father [thank the squadron] at RED HORSE, it made any amount of effort I might

have put in inconsequential. I was just glad to be part of the base team that made this child's day."

(Editor's note: Corey's syndrome is called Cockayne's — a recessive gene disorder so rare that less than 300 children in the world have been diagnosed with it. It causes mental and physical handicaps, dwarfism and premature aging. Children affected live between two to 20 years depending on the severity of the disease.)

Dear Men and Women of Hurlburt Field,

Thank you for one of the greatest days of our lives. On Friday, Sept. 21, you made our special boy, "Pilot for a Day," and made us all feel very special and proud. I'm sure there have been few if any tours given that would out do the one you gave us — not generals, admirals or statesmen. We were greeted with enthusiasm everywhere we visited and treated like true VIPs.

Corey is proud of all the coins, patches, hats, plaques and T-shirts he received from the wing, squadrons, firehouse and J.R. Rockers. We've turned his room into a small Air Force museum.

Thanks for taking time out from your busy schedules. It was truly appreciated and made a huge impression on our whole family. God bless you and this great country in our war against all who threaten freedom.

— Lt. John Knotts (USCG) and family



Photo by Staff Sgt. Diane Thomas



LIFESTYLE

Military

Turn-in service

The 16th Supply Squadron has limited turn-in service for equipment and non-expendable items only. Service of unserviceable expendable items such as furniture, scrap metal and appliances are suspended until further notice. Customers can either make their own appointment with the Defense Reutilization Management Office at Eglin Air Force Base or hold on to the property until supply resumes normal service. For questions or more information, call Staff Sgt. Christopher Turner at 884-7440.

Team leaders needed

The Commando Pride Airman Center is looking for highly motivated individuals to serve as team leaders. Duties include assisting with the daily operations of CPAC and the detail is a 120 days in length, starting in Sept. To qualify you must be between the ranks of Senior Airman and have completed Airman Leadership School through Technical Sergeant, with impeccable dress and appearance, high moral character, a driver's license, good communication skills, computer skills and a desire to assist first-term airmen. For more information, call Master Sgt. Andrew Hollis at 884-5795 or 5787.

Travel voucher

Effective Oct. 31, travel voucher claims for all military members require a supervisor signature before the member is reimbursed. This requirement is mandatory for all temporary duty and permanent change of station settlements for military. Travel vouchers submitted after Oct. 31 without proper signatures will be sent back to the member and will cause a delay in reimbursement. The 16th Comptroller Squadron will provide each unit orderly room with a checklist for supervisors and approving officials. For more information or questions, call the travel section at 884-4061.

Grooming tip

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, sets forth the guidance on grooming standards for Air Force members. Men's hair will have a tapered appearance on both sides and back, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance is one that when viewed from any angle outlines the individual's hair so it conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point. Block cuts are permitted with tapered appearance. Hair will not be worn in an extreme or fad style or in a way that exceeds length or bulk standards or violates safety requirements. Hair will not touch the ears and only the closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck may touch the collar. Hair won't exceed 1 1/4 inches in bulk, regardless of length nor exceed 1/4 inch at the natural termination point. Hair will not have any visible foreign

Thrift Savings Plan

The Family Support Center holds a Thrift Savings Plan briefing Tuesday from 11:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Airman Leadership School auditorium. The Thrift Savings

Plan is the new military retirement investment option and the briefing will answer questions concerning the benefits of enrolling in this program. For reservations, call 884-5441.

Community

items attached.

Extended duty care

The fees for all parents who use the extended duty care program in support of the military mission are suspended. Parents are required to sign a statement validating there's no one else available in the home who can provide care during the extended hours.

Red Ribbon Essay contest

Hurlburt Field, in conjunction with the local community, honors Enrique Camarena, a drug enforcement agent killed 15 years ago in Mexico. The campaign is a national drug awareness program that targets school-age children by promoting healthy, drug-free lifestyles. The essay contest is for students in grades 4th, 5th and 6th and must be between 50 and 100 words. Entries should be turned in to the base library by Oct. 19 and should include the child's name, sponsor's name and phone number. For more information, call Sabrina Honda at 884-7143.

Spouses' club

The Hurlburt Field Officers' Spouses' Club holds its next luncheon Oct. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at The Soundside Club. The guest speaker is Ben Hill, director of the community character project of Escambia County, Ala. Lunch includes split ham and pea soup, chicken broccoli crepes, honey glazed carrots and chocolate mousse for dessert. Salad option is Hawaiiin chicken salad with Macadamia nuts and fresh fruit. The cost is \$10. Childcare is available at the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center during the monthly meeting time. Childcare reservations should be made by Oct. 9. Lunch reservations can be placed by Oct. 11. For reservations, call Pat Rogers at 678-9375 or Danielle Wolf at 916-0963.

Breast Cancer Awareness month

The American Cancer Society announced that October is breast cancer awareness month. This year, 12,500 women will be told they have breast cancer and 2,600 will die from the disease. Early detection is the key to improving survival rates. Mammography screening substantially reduces breast cancer mortality by 63 percent. For more cancer information, call (800) ACS-2345 or check the Web site: www.cancer.org.

Air Commando reunion

The Air Commando Association is sponsoring a reunion weekend Oct. 5 through 7. Due to heightened security, all activities are scheduled off-base. The weekend kicks off with a fish fry at the Enlisted Hooch on the Soundside from 2 to 7 p.m. followed by other social meetings and gatherings later that evening. Active duty members are invited to attend. For tickets, call Pete Bowman at 581-0099.

Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)



Youth and Single Groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) "Rush Hour 2," starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker – Hong Kong Inspector Lee and Los Angeles Police Department detective Carter arrive in Hong Kong for a vacation. No sooner do they arrive, they're confronted with the biggest case of their careers. A bomb has exploded in the American Embassy, killing two US Customs agents who had been investigating a money smuggling ring.

Saturday – (PG-13) "Planet of the Apes," starring Mark Wahlberg and Tim Roth – In the year 2029 Astronaut Leo Davidson boards a space station for a routine reconnaissance mission. But an abrupt detour lands him on a planet where talking apes rule over the human race. The race is on to reach a sacred temple within the planet's Forbidden Zone to discover the shocking secrets of mankind's past and the key to its future.

Eglin (882-1066)

Friday – (R) "American Pie 2," starring Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan – The summer after their first year of college, the boys rent a beach house and vow to make this the best summer ever. As it turns out, they discover that times change and people change, but in the end it's all about sticking together.

Saturday – (G) "The Princess Diaries," starring Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway – Teenager Mia Thermopolis is thrown for a loop when, she learns the astonishing news that she's a real life princess. She must make the biggest decision of her life, whether to remain with her family or leave everything behind to accept the royal responsibilities that comes with being the Princess of Genovia.

Sunday – (PG-13) "American Outlaws," starring Colin Farrel and Nathaniel Arcand – As Confederate soldiers in The Civil War, the James boys and their cousins the Youngers, became expert killers that were able to live off the land for long periods of time and practiced in attacking their enemies' supply lines. The gang would later use the skills they gained from the war against railroads and banks.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)

LIFESTYLE

Classes

USAF Special Ops school

For more information on Special Operations School Courses for September, call 884-4731 or check the Web site www.hurlburt.af.mil/usafsos.

Joint Senior Psychological Operations Course – Oct. 9 to 12

Introduction to Special Operations Course – Oct. 10 to 11

Joint Special Operations Staff Officer Course – Oct. 15 to 19

Sub-Saharan Orientation Course – Oct. 15 to 19

Dynamics of International Terrorism – Oct. 22 to 26

Latin American Orientation Course – Oct. 22 to 26

Special Operations Liaison Element – Oct. 22 to 26

Cross Cultural Communications – Oct. 29 to Nov. 2

Joint Civil – Military Operations Course, Level II – Oct. 29 to Nov. 2

Joint Special Operations Planning Workshop – Oct. 29 to Nov. 9

Joint Special Operations Pre-Command Course – Oct. 29 to Nov. 3

FSC

For more information on Family Support Center classes, call 884-5441.

Sponsorship Training – Monday, at 1 p.m.

Transistion Assistance Program – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 7:20 a.m.

Moms, Pops and Tots – Tuesday for ages birth to 2 and Wednesday for ages 2 to 4, at 10 a.m.

Bundles for Babies – Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m.

Veteran Affairs Women's Brief – Thursday, at 9 a.m.

Readiness – Thursday, at 9 a.m.

Fighting for Your Marriage – Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.

Give parents a break – Oct. 6

Sports

Flag football

October begins men and women flag football season. Interested members should contact their unit sports representative or the main fitness center for more information at 884-6884.

Women basketball

Varsity basketball players are needed for the women's team. Practices are being held Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 884-6949.

Women's football

The women's football team is looking for more players and a coach. The team is open to spouses and family members 18 and older who're out of high school. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Norman Williams at 884-5879 or the fitness center at 884-6949.

FSU

The Florida State University athletics department extends an invitation to members at Hurlburt Field, to attend the Wake Forest versus Florida State football game on Saturday at 7 p.m. at FSU. Military members must present their military ID at the main ticket office window beginning at 3 p.m. to receive two complimentary tickets for the game. If more tickets are needed, they'll be made available for purchase and all seats will be located together. For more information, call 644-1830.

Other wings on base



Photo by Capt. Carol McClelland

This (*Casmerodius albus*), better known as the Great Egret, is a common wading bird found in the local area. Base members may want to keep an eye out for wildlife found on Hurlburt Field.

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3-on-3 intramural basketball supplies winning season

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Continuing the winning streak of 3-on-3 championships, the 16th Supply Squadron does it again.

Just after winning the 3-on-3 over-30 championship, the team came back to claim the intramural title as well with a 46 to 31 point win over the 16th Transportation Squadron.

Michael Miller, 16th SUPS, said the team was just continuing a long trend of wins. "Jefferson and Forbes both played for the base team and each of the guys played on the squadron team," he said.

Fairleigh 'Cap' Phillips, who was the coach for the transportation team, credits the entire team for contributing to making it to the championship, from the deep three point shots by Tommy Weaver, 16th Trans, to the powerful in-the-paint play by Yeta Holloway, 16th Trans.

Although transportation didn't win the title they can definitely ride on the coat tails of their softball championship, they won earlier this summer, Phillips added.

But this day belonged to the supply squadron, and as they say in vehicle maintenance, they were firing on all cylinders, Phillips said.



Team Rosters

16th Supply Squadron

Mark Forbes
George Hines
Major Hines (coach)
Reginald Jefferson

16th Transportation Squadron

Arjoli Campbell
Yeta Holloway
Randy Howard
Fairleigh 'Cap' Phillips (coach)
Tommy Weaver



(top left) Mark Forbes, 16th Supply Squadron attempts to rebound the ball during the championship game between 16th SUPS and the 16th Transportation Squadron. (top right) Supply team members surround Cap Phillips, 16th Trans, as he goes for a shot in the first half of the game.

(left) Gregory Hines, 16th SUPS, makes a jumper to help increase supply's lead over transportation.